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SUBJECT RED STAFFING PLANS

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- 1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN PLANS FOR SUPPORT OF COLOMBO PLAN STAFF COLLEGE (REFTELS), PROVIDING EMBASSY RETAINS AID-FUNDED LOCAL POSITION.
- 2. WITH REGARD TO SUGGESTED RED TRANSFER TO SINGAPORE,
 WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE UNLESS
 GOS CONVINCED THAT MOVE WOULD BE OF ADVANTAGE TO SINGAPORE. THE GOS
 HAS SET PERSONNEL CEILING OF 22 DIPLOMATIC AND 36 HOME-BASED
 POSITIONS, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED. OUR PREVIOUS
 EXPERIENCE IS THAT GOS IS UNWILLING TO RAISE CEILING SINCE IT
 WOULD OPEN THE DOOR TO LARGER MISSIONS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

HOWEVER, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO GET INFORMAL GOS REACTION TO POSSIBLE MOVE HERE IF DEPARTMENT AND AID/WASHINGTON SO REQUEST.

3. IN ADDITION, CHANCERY DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT SPACE TO HOUSE FOUR AMERICANS AND SUPPORTING LOCAL STAFF; THEREFORE, COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE WOULD HAVE TO BE RENTED. COST OF LOCATING IN SINGAPORE (RENTS, SERVICES, ROAD TAXES, ETC.) WOULD BE MUCH HIGHER THAN IN KUALA LUMPUR OR BANGKOK.

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